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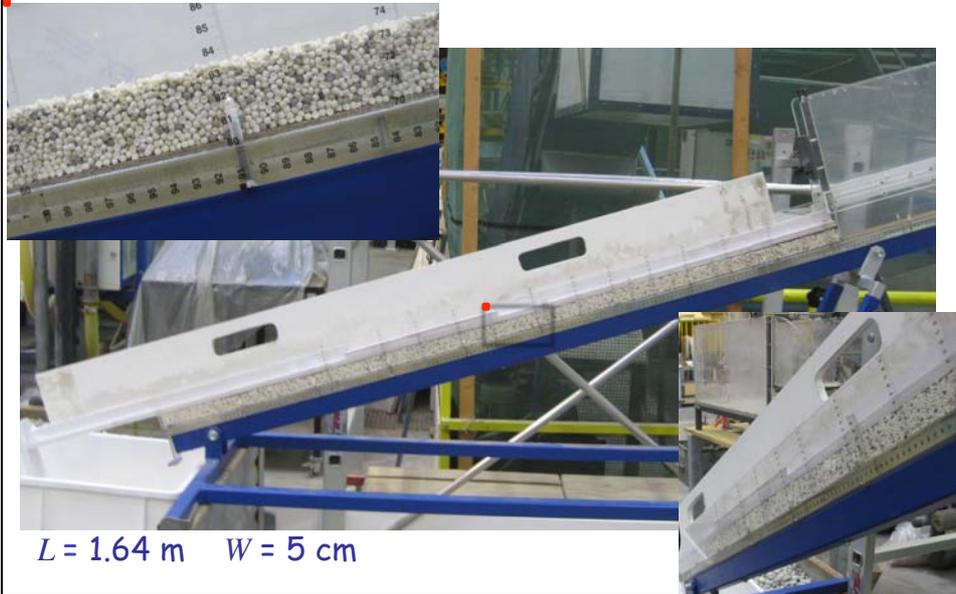
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**Analisi teorico-sperimentale del moto vario e uniforme di  
ammassi granulari secchi**

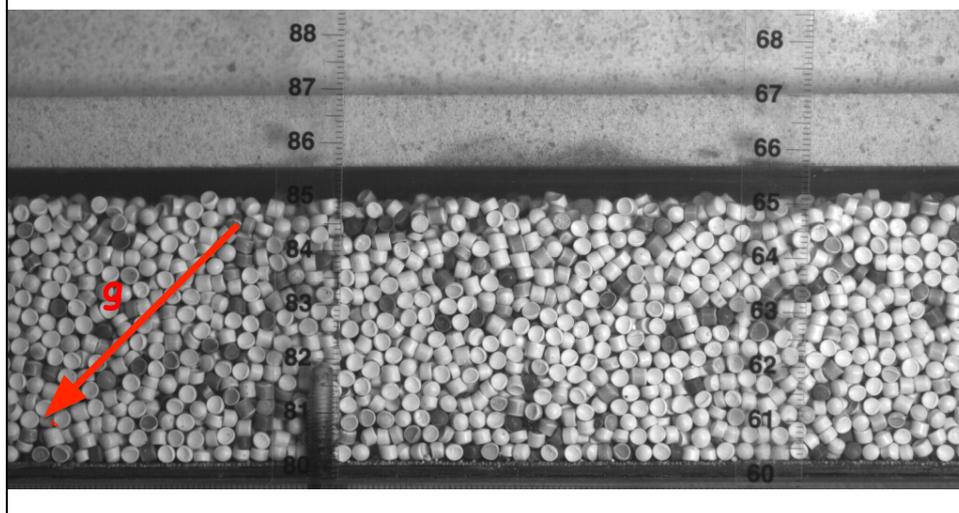


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## The uniform-unsteady problem

Geomorphic time for dry granular flow



## Dataset with PVC cylinders

<i>N. test</i>	<i>Slope[° ]</i>	<i>Depth [cm]</i>	<i>Fps</i>	<i>Shutter</i>	<i>Resolution</i>
1	45	5	250	1/4000	1024 x 512
2	45	5.6	250	1/4000	1024 x 512
3	45	6.8	250	1/4000	1024 x 512
4	45	6.4	250	1/4000	1024 x 512
5	45	6.5	250	1/4000	1024 x 512
6	41.9	5.2	1000	1/4000	1024 x 512
7	41.3	5	2000	1/4000	1024 x 512
8	41.4	5.2	1000	1/4000	1204 x 1024
9	41.4	5	1000	1/4000	1024 x 512
10	41.4	5.5	1000	1/4000	1024 x 512
11	41.4	6.5	1000	1/4000	1024 x 512
12	41.4	6.5	1000	1/4000	1024 x 512
13	41.4	6.5	1000	1/4000	1024 x 512
14	41.4	2.5	1000	1/4000	1024 x 512
15	41.4	2.9	2000	1/4000	1024 x 512
16	41.4	2.5	2000	1/4000	1024 x 512
17	38	2.5	2000	1/4000	1024 x 512
18	45	5	1000	1/4000	1024 x 512

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<i>N. test</i>	<i>Slope</i> [° ]	<i>Depth</i> [cm]	<i>Fps</i>	<i>Shutter</i>	<i>Resolution</i>
19	38	5	1000	1/4000	1024 x 512
20	38	5	1000	1/4000	1024 x 512
21	41.4	5	1000	1/4000	1024 x 512
22	41.4	5	1000	1/4000	1024 x 512
23	41.4	5	1000	1/4000	1024 x 512
24	41.4	5	1000	1/4000	1024 x 512
25	41.4	5	1000	1/4000	1024 x 512
26	41.4	5	1000	1/4000	1024 x 512
27	45	5	1000	1/4000	1024 x 512
28	45	5	1000	1/4000	1024 x 512
29	45	3	1000	1/4000	1024 x 512
30	45	3.2	2000	1/4000	1024 x 512
31	41.4	3	2000	1/4000	1024 x 512
32	41.4	3	2000	1/4000	1024 x 512

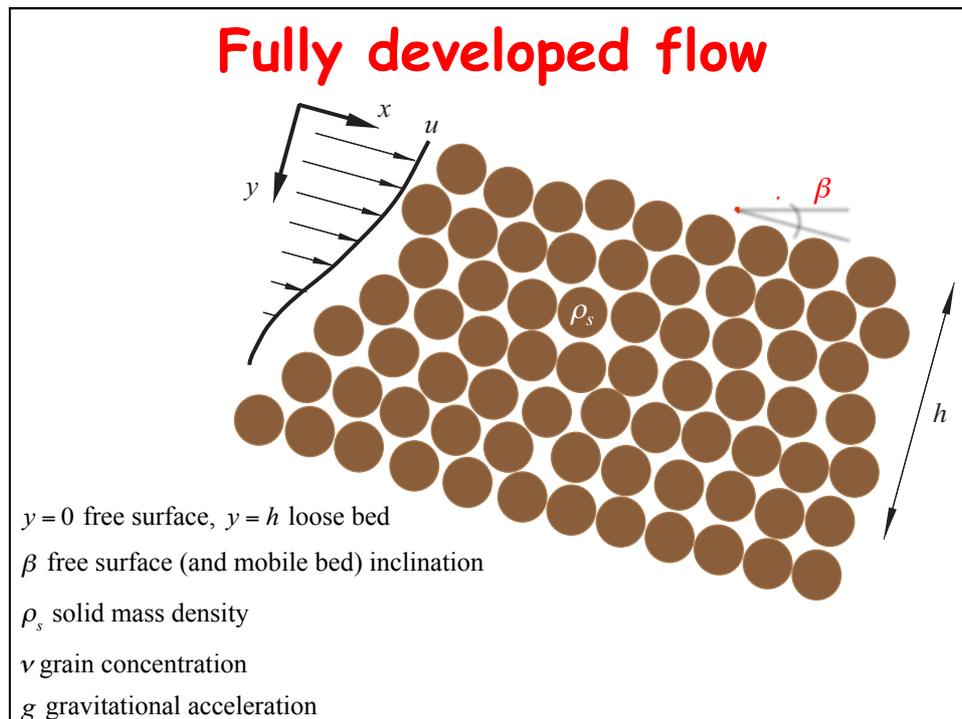
$\rho_s = 1.51 \text{ kg/m}^3$     $d = 3.50 \text{ mm}$     $\phi = 31^\circ$     $e = 0.6$     $\mu_w = 0.32$

## Dataset with plastic spheres

<i>N. test</i>	<i>Slope</i> [° ]	<i>Depth</i> [cm]	<i>Fps</i>	<i>Shutter</i>	<i>Resolution</i>
41	32	5	1000	1/4000	1024 x 512
42	38	3	1000	1/frame	1024 x 512
43	35	3	1000	1/2000	1024 x 1024
44	35	3	1000	1/2000	1024 x 1024
45	32	3	1000	1/2000	1024 x 1024
46	32	3	1000	1/8000	1024 x 1024
47	33.5	3.4	1000	1/8000	1024 x 1024
48	33.5	3	1000	1/8000	1024 x 1024
49	33.5	3	1000	1/8000	1024 x 1024
50	33.5	3	1000	1/8000	1024 x 1024
51	35	3	1000	1/8000	1024 x 1024
52	35	3	1000	1/8000	1024 x 1024
53	38	3	1000	1/8000	1024 x 1024
54	38	3	1000	1/8000	1024 x 1024
55	38	3	1000	1/8000	1024 x 1024



$\rho_s = 0.98 \text{ kg/m}^3$     $d = 0.45 \text{ mm}$     $\phi = 21^\circ$     $e = 0.75$     $\mu_w = 0.31$



## Variables

$u$  grain velocity  
 $h$  flow depth  
 $T$  granular temperature  
 $\alpha$  bed yield stress ratio

Make lengths dimensionless by grain diameter  $d$ ,  
 velocities by  $(gd)^{1/2}$ , and stresses by  $\rho_s g d$ .

## Goals

Given the angle of inclination, predict the **depth** of a fully-developed flow, the **velocity profile** and the **volume flux**

## Grain Momentum Balance

transverse:

$$p' = v \cos \beta$$

flow:

$$s' = -v \sin \beta + 2\mu_w \frac{p}{W}$$

wall friction

chute width

## Depth of flow

$$\frac{d}{dy}(s) = -v \sin \beta + 2\mu_w \frac{p}{W}$$

$$p = v y \cos \beta$$

$$\frac{s}{p} = -\tan \beta + \frac{\mu_w}{W} \frac{p}{v \cos \beta}$$

obtain the dependence of  $s/p$  on  $y$ :

$$\frac{s}{p} = -\tan \beta + \frac{\mu_w}{W} y$$

## ...depth of flow

At the bed ( $y = h$ ),  $s/p = \alpha$ , so:

$$\alpha = \tan \beta - \frac{\mu_w}{W} h$$

or:

$$h = \frac{W}{\mu_w} (\tan \beta - \alpha)$$

## Particle Energy Balance

$$su' - \Gamma = 0$$

*Jenkins & Berzi (2010)  
Larcher & Jenkins (2014)*

$$s = \mu u'$$

$$p = 2(1+e)\nu GT$$

$$\mu = \frac{4J}{5\pi^{1/2}(1+e)} \frac{p}{T^{1/2}} \quad J = \frac{(1+e)}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4} \frac{(3e-1)(1+e)^2}{[24-(1-e)(11-e)]} \quad G = \frac{0.59c}{0.60-c}$$

collisional dissipation:

$$\Gamma = \frac{12}{\pi^{1/2}} \frac{\nu G}{L} (1-e^2) T^{3/2}$$

*Jenkins (2006, 2007)*

cluster size:

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \hat{c} G^{1/3} \frac{u'}{T^{1/2}}$$

## Concentration

Eliminate  $L$  from the energy balance and solve for  $u'/T^{1/2}$  :

$$\frac{u'}{T^{1/2}} = \frac{15}{J} \frac{1-e^2}{\hat{c} G^{1/3}}$$

Use this to eliminate  $u'/T^{1/2}$  from the shear stress with  $s/p$ :

$$\frac{s}{p} = \left[ \frac{192}{25\pi^{3/2}} \frac{J^2(1-e)}{\hat{c}(1+e)^2} \right]^{1/3} \frac{1}{G^{1/9}} = \tan \beta - \frac{\mu_w}{W} y$$

and substitute in:

$$\nu = \frac{0.63G}{0.60+G}$$

## Temperature

Solve the pressure for  $T$  and obtain its variation with depth:

$$T = \frac{p}{2(1+e)\nu G} = \frac{\cos \beta y}{2(1+e)G}$$

## Velocity profile

Invert the shear stress and integrate:

$$u' = \frac{5\pi^{1/2}}{4J} (1+e) \frac{s}{p} T^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{s}{p} = \tan \beta - \frac{\mu_w}{W} y$$

velocity profile:

$$u(y) = \frac{5\pi^{1/2}}{4J\sqrt{2G}} (1+e)^{1/2} (\cos \phi)^{1/2} \left\{ \frac{2}{3} \tan \phi [h^{3/2} - y^{3/2}] - \frac{2}{5} \frac{\mu_w}{W} [h^{5/2} - y^{5/2}] \right\}$$

## Total Volume Flux

$$\begin{aligned}
 q &= W \int_0^h v u(y) dy = \\
 &= \frac{5\pi^{1/2} W}{4\bar{J}\sqrt{2\bar{G}}} \left(1 + \frac{e}{2}\right)^{1/2} v (\cos \beta)^{1/2} \left\{ \frac{2}{5} h^{5/2} \tan \beta - \frac{2}{7} \frac{\mu_w}{W} h^{7/2} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

## Unsteady: 1 equation approach

Extended kinetic theory (algebraic integration)

Momentum balance in the x direction

$$\rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \rho g \sin \beta + \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial y} - 2 \frac{\mu_w}{W} \rho g y \cos \beta$$

Similarity assumption for the variables involved:  
velocity, concentration

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = -\frac{dz}{dt} = f(u_s, h_s)$$

## Unsteady: 2 equations approach

Extended kinetic theory (algebraic integration)

Momentum balance in the y direction

Energy balance

Similarity assumption for the variables involved:  
velocity, concentration

$$\begin{cases} f_1(u_s, h_s) \frac{du_s}{dt} + f_2(u_s, h_s) \frac{dh}{dt} = f_3(u_s, h_s) \\ g_1(u_s, h_s) \frac{du_s}{dt} + g_2(u_s, h_s) \frac{dh}{dt} = g_3(u_s, h_s) \end{cases}$$

## 1 equation approach: solution

Flow depth:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial h(t)}{\partial t} = & \left\{ \rho g \sin \beta h(t) - \rho g \cos \beta h(t) R - \frac{\mu_W}{W} \rho g \cos \beta h(t)^2 \right\} / \\ & \left( \left( \frac{5\sqrt{\pi}}{4J} \frac{1}{d} \left[ \frac{(1+e)g \cos \beta}{2G} \right]^{1/2} \frac{1}{\left[ \frac{2}{3} \tan \beta h^{3/2} - \frac{2}{5} \frac{\mu_W}{W} h^{5/2} \right]} \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. h(t)^{1/2} \left( \tan \beta - \frac{\mu_W}{W} h(t) \right) \left[ \frac{2}{3} \tan \beta \left[ \frac{3}{5} h(t)^{5/2} \right] - \frac{2}{5} \frac{\mu_W}{W} \left[ \frac{5}{7} h(t)^{7/2} \right] \right] \right) + \right. \\ & \left. + \left( \left( \frac{5\sqrt{\pi}}{4J} \frac{1}{d} \left[ \frac{(1+e)g \cos \beta}{2G} \right]^{1/2} \left[ \frac{2}{3} \tan \beta h(t)^{3/2} - \frac{2}{5} \frac{\mu_W}{W} h(t)^{5/2} \right] \right) \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. \frac{1}{35} \frac{\left( -5 \frac{2}{5} \frac{\mu_W}{W} h + 7 \frac{2}{3} \tan \beta \right) \left( -5 \frac{2}{5} \frac{\mu_W}{W} h + 3 \frac{2}{3} \tan \beta \right)}{\left( -\frac{2}{5} \frac{\mu_W}{W} h + \frac{2}{3} \tan \beta \right)^2} \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

# 1 equation approach

Velocity profile:

$$u(y) = u_S \frac{\left[ \frac{2}{3} \tan \beta (h^{3/2} - y^{3/2}) - \frac{2}{5} \frac{\mu_W}{W} (h^{5/2} - y^{5/2}) \right]}{\left[ \frac{2}{3} \tan \beta h^{3/2} - \frac{2}{5} \frac{\mu_W}{W} h^{5/2} \right]} = u_S(t) f_U(y, t)$$

Maximum velocity:

$$u_S = u|_{y=0} = \frac{5\sqrt{\pi}}{4J} \frac{1}{d} \left[ \frac{(1+e)g \cos \beta}{2G} \right]^{1/2} \left[ \frac{2}{3} \tan \beta h^{3/2} - \frac{2}{5} \frac{\mu_W}{W} h^{5/2} \right]$$

# Experimental results

Run 06:

